GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:113
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Industrial Gas Pipeline Projects
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing and on-going industrial and domestic gas pipeline network to transport gas across the country, State/UT/projects/company-wise including ONGC and GAIL;
(b) whether the Government proposes to expand gas grid network over the next five years and if so, the details thereof along with the cost of the said projects and investment made by public and private sector companies in this regard, State/UT/company-wise;
(c) whether necessary land has been acquired by the Government and compensation given to land owners accordingly and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
(d) the number of stalled projects of various companies including GAIL and ONGC and the time by which the said projects are likely to be made operational, project/State/UT-wise; and
(e) whether the existing capacity of pipeline network is reportedly underutilised due to poor availability of natural gas and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.113 ASKED BY SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE AND ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR, MPs. TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 25, 2016
(a) : The details of the existing and on-going industrial and domestic gas pipeline network to transport gas across the country, State/UT/projects/company-wise including ONGC and GAIL are at Annexure-I.
(b)to (d): Government has envisaged to develop another 15,000 Km of pipeline network in order to form a National Gas Grid. Out of this envisaged additional pipeline network, Government/PNGRB has already authorized entities to construct about 14,500 Km long pipelines. Out of the said approved pipeline projects, there is no pipeline project of ONGC which is stalled. However, the work in a section of pipeline project of GAIL, namely, Kochi-Koottanad-Bangalore-Mangalore Pipeline (KKBMPL) is stalled due to severe resistance from farmers and land owners in the State of Kerala (part) and Tamilnadu.
As regards acquisition of land for pipeline laying and payment of compensation thereof given to land owners, the Right of Use (RoU)/land has been acquired under the provisions of Sections 3 and 6 of the Petroleum & Mineral Pipeline (PMP) Act, 1962 and necessary land compensation as per Section 10 of the above Act is given to the concern land owners from time to time in synchronization with pipeline project execution. The details of the approved pipeline projects along with the cost of the said projects, investment made by public and private sector companies, current status of land acquisition and scheduled completion of the said pipeline projects are at Annexure-II.
(e): Against the total installed pipeline capacity of about 430 MMSCMD, average gas flow in FY 2015-16 was about 148 MMSCMD. This is mainly due to (i) decline of domestic gas availability and (ii) demand of RLNG being price sensitive in Indian gas market. In order to improve the utilization of infrastructure, Government has implemented two major schemes- one in Fertilizer (Urea) sector and the other in gas based Power sector.
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